

SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT
PHILOSOPHY

Indians are born speaking our languages. For some of us, they lie dormant within our bodies. They are looking for a way out. God gave us these beautiful languages. All of us hold them in a sacred manner within. There is no such thing as an Indian person who cannot speak Indian.

Our language programs find these languages within our bodies. They bring them out through our mouths and deliver them to their rightful resting places within our hearts.



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SAUK WORD & PHRASE FOR MAY

Âpâminehkêha (Moving-Camp Month)

Quote for the Month

“Losing a language is a major setback for everyone, because along with the language, you will also lose all of the poems, the stories, the songs. And those things are of immense importance to all of us as human beings.”

-Anthony Aristar?

“Our language is what holds us. It is a part of who we are. This is what my father told me.” -Dakota Littlecrow, Salish
<http://www.nativevillage.org/Libraries/Quotes/Native>

Looking at Colors
Match the Sauk word with the English phrase.

mahkatêyâwi	It is Green
inâtêwi	It is Brown
tâna châhi ênâtêki?	It is Dark (in color)
wâpeshkyâwi	It is Pink
wâpyâwi	It is Purple
wîpekâwi	It is that color
athâwâwi	It is Light (in color)
eshkipakyâwi	It is Red
kâhpîhâtêwi	It is Peach (color)
meshkwâwi	It is Grey
meshkopâtêwi	It is White.
pohkamâwihâtêwi	It is Black
mîthechêhâtêwi	What color is it?
wâpâtêwi	It is Yellow/Orange
anawâtêwi	It is Blue

Lesson #6
Guide for using Numbers 11 and up

The numbers 11 through 19 are formed by saying "ten one, " "ten two," "ten three, " etc. The same principle holds for numbers above twenty.

Twenty	Nîshwâpitaki	Thirty	Nethwâpitaki
Forty	Nyêwâpitaki	Fifty	Shekikhanawe
Sixty	Nekotwâshikâpitaki	Seventy	Nôhikâpitaki
Eighty	Neshwâshikâpitaki	Ninety	Shâkâpitaki
One hundred	Nekotwâhkwe	Two hundred	Nîshwâhkwe
Three hundred	Nethwâhkwe	Four hundred	Nyêwâhkwe
Five hundred	Nyânânwâhkwe	Six hundred	Nekotwâshika tathwâhkwe
Seven hundred	Nôhika tathwâhkwe	Eight hundred	Neshwashika tathwâhkwe
Nine hundred	Shâka tathwâhkwe	One thousand	Nekoti mahkahkwe

For ages above 10 say the number, and then say **tathwi**pepônwêwa "(s)he's that old". To give your age, just say **netathwi**pepônwe after the number of years.

I'm fourteen.	Metâthwi nyêwi netathwi pepônwe.
(S)he'll be seven.	Nôhika wi tathwi pepônwêwa.
(S)he's eighty-one.	Neshwâshikâpitaki nekoti tathwi pepônwêwa.
Are you that old?	În ê tathwi pepônwêyani?
(S)he doesn't look his/her age.	Ê tathwi peponêchi âkwi nâkothichini.

**Excerpted from The Sauk Workbook, author Bambi Voegelé.
Available by request from the Sauk Language Department, Sac and Fox Nation.

SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS AND NEWS

Join Us Online!

Come join us online at www.talksauk.com to see what all we have to offer: games, Pictionary, videos, etc. Visit our Facebook page where you can post your comments, and see what the latest classes and activities are ongoing:

sac and fox language department



Baby Onesies Now Available for Sale!

Let your little ones show their Sauk Pride. We have onesies available for sale in sizes 6, 12, 18 and 24mos for \$5 each. Come by the Sauk Language Office to get yours today

Do You have a New Baby Less Than 6 Mos. Old?

We are helping the newest tribal members show their Sauk Pride. Call or come by the Sauk Language Department for information on how your new bundle of joy can receive a free Sauk baby bib.
918-968-0070 or 800-256-7552

Community Classes Begin in April

Shawnee: Monday Evenings beginning April 11th-
Shawnee Public Library, Community Room B, 6:00-8:00 pm
101 N. Philadelphia Ave., Shawnee

Cushing: Thursday Evenings beginning April 14th-
First Indian Baptist Church 6:00-7:45
1034 E. Walnut, Cushing

Stroud: Tuesday Evenings beginning April 12th -
Sac and Fox Learning Center 6:00-8:00 pm
Call Orvena Gregory 918-968-0070 for more information.

We always welcome suggestions and/or comments from tribal members on programs you have attended, or would like to see scheduled. Call 918-968-0070 or 800-256-7552, or email language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

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IT'S TIME!
SPRING COMMUNITY SAUK LANGUAGE
CLASSES ARE ABOUT
TO BEGIN!

SHAWNEE COMMUNITY CLASS
New classes begin Monday April 11th
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Shawnee Public Library, Community Room B
101 N. Philadelphia Ave.
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Stroud Community Class
New classes begin Tuesday April 12th
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Sac and Fox Nation Learning Center
Up the hill from Merle Boyd Center
Stroud, Oklahoma

CUSHING COMMUNITY CLASS
New classes begin Thursday April 14th
6:00 - 7:45 PM
First Indian Baptist Church
1034 E. Walnut
Cushing, Oklahoma

Let's All Talk Sauk!

Kîthâkîwâtowêpena!

